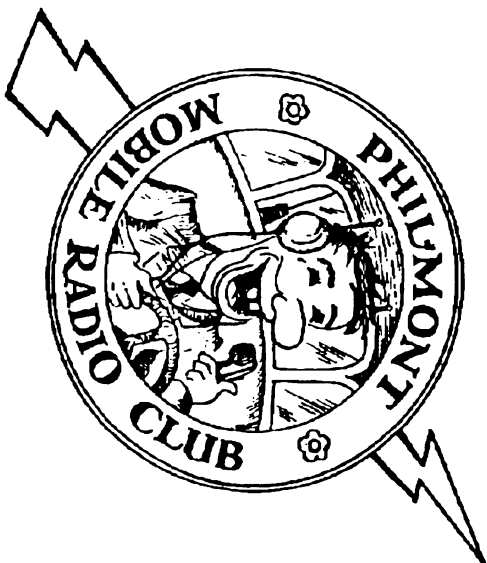


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**Jake Kovalchek
Amateur of the Year!**

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	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
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Al Rowland—**W3JIL**, your ticket expires this month...
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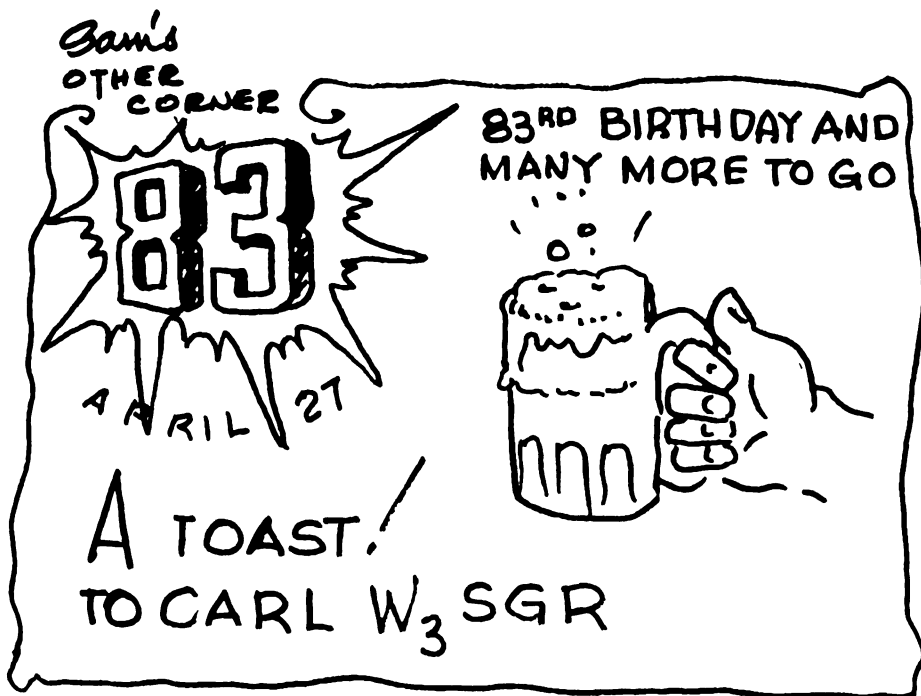
Are you planning to join **ARRL** or renew your current membership?
Help Phil-Mont by joining or renewing through the club.
Contact **KB3IV** for the details.

Special June General Meeting Family Night

The Phil-Mont June 5 General Meeting will be a treat for the whole family. Courtesy of the Franklin Institute and AK2I, we have been invited to attend "The Blue Planet" in the new Omniverse Theater at a once-in-a-lifetime half price of \$4.00 per person. All you must do is pick up your radio or telephone and contact any director to make your reservation. Please do so now as reservations are required and, no walk-ins or late reservations will be able to be accepted. So count your children, wives, pet hams and let us know who will be at this enjoyable evening. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! (that includes you too Ernie)

REPEATINGS

Congratulations to our (really) old friend from the "Dutch country," Clarence Snyder, W3PYF, who, in April, celebrated his 71st birthday, and, in June, will celebrate, with his wife Sylvia, their 50th wedding anniversary—all this after a triple bypass and valve job!... Bob, WA3INW recently received a birthday gift of an 850 from his son Tom, WA3DHV, and daughter-in-law.



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May 9, 1991

Donald A. Cooke
Vice President, External Affairs

Dear Members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club:

On behalf of The Franklin Institute, I am pleased to advise you that we welcome your generous interest and dedication to maintaining and enriching W3TKQ as a permanent and valued part of the Institute's activities and offerings.

In continuing to provide the services that the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has undertaken, we realize and are grateful for the time, expertise and funds that the club has garnered. We realize that this sort of commitment is exceptional, and we embrace the club's activities in this regard.

Should it become necessary in the future to discuss any changes in our current working relationship, we will meet with the Executive Committee of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club to review our options and commitments.

Again, we appreciate the strong support of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club in improving and operating W3TKQ to the highest standards.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Cooke
Acting Director
The Franklin Institute Science Museum

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Futures Center & Omniverse Theater
Science Center & Fels Planetarium
The Benjamin Franklin National Memorial

AK2I Named ARRL Atlantic Division Amateur of the Year

On Saturday, May 18, at the ARRL Atlantic Division Convention, held in conjunction with the Rochester, NY Hamfest, Jake Kovalchek, AK2I was honored as "Amateur of the Year."

On Friday, Jake, and his wife Lorraine, were flown to Rochester as part of an all-expense-paid trip to the convention. After their whirlwind, two-day trip, they returned to Cherry Hill on Sunday, just-in-time to hitch-up their trailer for the planned Wally Byam Caravan Club trip to (would you believe) the Rochester, NY area!

The members of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club congratulate Jake for his significant accomplishment.

The following is the text of the nomination that was sent to the selection committee. Its author is Dick Moll, W3RM, in collaboration with W3IIM&IIN.

When one person so clearly embodies all of the attributes enumerated by Paul Segal in the "Amateur's Code," and displays them with contagious enthusiasm, it is no wonder that his fellow amateurs would want to see him recognized as the Atlantic Division Amateur of the Year. Such a man is Jacob S. Kovalchek, Jr., AK2I, of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Jake was first licensed, in 1975, as WB2LEU; but by the time he joined the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, in October 1978, he held the Advanced Class call KB2BA.

Like a new spark plug, Jake brought fresh life, ideas and enthusiasm to Phil-Mont. Within six months he had become a regular NCS on our 75-meter Sunday net, upgraded to Extra with a change in call to AK2I, and instituted a Tuesday evening code practice net, a service of the club which has continued ever since, and which attracts a host of regular listeners on 147,03/444.8

MHz. Licensed amateurs check-in for "personalized" transmissions at their requested speed and format; and those not-yet-licensed, many listening on scanners, call in by telephone to register their requests. Some other clubs and license classes, in the repeater coverage area, use the PMRC code practice sessions for their group and individual practice.

In November 1979, at the Phil-Mont 30th anniversary banquet, AK2I received the President's Award in recognition of his contributions to the club during his first year as a member. And, in December, Jake was elected Treasurer of Phil-Mont. One year later, at the December 1980 annual meeting, Jake was elected President of the club, and awarded his first "Phil-Monter of the Year" Award!

In his first "Pres Sez" column, which appeared in the January 1981 *BLURB*, Jake clearly defined his goals for the club during his tenure as president. As Jake stated it, "What I've always done in my endeavors is to plan my work, then work my plan." And so he did, that year and in the ensuing years, in various capacities as an officer, director, committee person, and general Phil-Mont cheerleader. He has utilized his outstanding abilities as a talented and witty public speaker to host what has become a club tradition, the annual Phil-Mont "Roast" at the December election meetings.

Even before the ARRL was geared-up to function as a National Volunteer Exam Coordinator, Jake established Phil-Mont's VE Testing Program, under the W5YI VEC, serving for two years himself as the VE team leader. Our first VE tests were conducted on April 1, 1985, and, since then, the club has conducted testing every month (except one, due to inclement weather), now under the

JULY 1 IS MARINE SSB FREQUENCIES' "MOVIN' DAY"

(sorry Paul)

By now, you may have heard that a major SSB revamp is due on July 1. That's when most marine single sideband channels will change world-wide. The idea is to free up more channels at the expense of *outmoded systems like morse code telegraphy*. [Emphasis added]

Unfortunately, there is some inconvenience, for basically all SSB radios on the water today will be temporarily "obsolete" come July. Owners must take them in to their marine electronics dealers for adjustment.

SEA, a major SSB manufacturer, offers an example of why this is necessary: when

an SSB user accesses ITU channel 401, his radio is automatically set to receive on 4357.4 KHz and transmit on 4063.0 KHz. But on July 1, the frequencies change to 4357.0 and 4065.0 respectively. Without a retrofit, existing radios will be operating on non-authorized frequencies.

Hopefully, you've already taken your SSB to your dealer. If not, a word to the wise: don't wait until the last minute. There are a lot of SSBs out there and if you wait, you'll get a reminder of what it's like to go Christmas shopping on Christmas eve!

Power & Motoryacht Magazine

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS READ ON PHIL-MONT'S SUNDAY MORNING NETS

Message #519

W3RM Abington, PA May 19th

To all radio amateurs — Special Attention Phil-Mont Members

The Atlantic Division Convention of ARRL is being held this weekend, May 17 through 19, in Rochester, New York, in conjunction with the New York State Convention and the Rochester ARA Hamfest.

During ceremonies conducted last evening at the convention banquet, our good friend and fellow member Jacob S. Kovalchek, AK2I, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, was named Atlantic Division Amateur of the Year. Jake was selected unanimously by the judges from nominating petitions filed on behalf of the award candidates from the entire Atlantic Division, comprised of Western New York, Southern New Jersey, and all of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Jake was nominated for the award by the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club.

Jake, and his XYL Lorraine, were flown to Rochester on Friday, and entertained as guests of the convention. They will return to Philadelphia today. Further details will be forthcoming in the June issue of the *BLURB*, scheduled to be mailed May 24th.

FARMER MAKEFIELD RITES AGAIN!

SSPRIZE PARDY FOR DOCTOR CARL

WALL THEN THERE WAS A GATHERING FOR OUR OWN W3SGR ON HIS 103rd BIRTHDAY MINUS A FEW, AND A BUNCH SHOWED UP ON RATHER LATE NOTICE TO CELEBRATE THE 41st YEAR OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB GIVE OR TAKE A FEW. HE WAS THE CHARACTER WHO GAVE THE NAME TO THIS HERE RAG AFTER HIS ORIGINAL TAG OF THE "TVI RETREAT" RAN OUT OF ITS TIME. AS A SEMI SURPRISE PARTY THE OLD BOY WAS IN GOOD FORM BUT HE COULD NOT EMBIBE BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE CRACK PILLS HE WAS TAKING AS PRESCRIBED BY HIS DOCTOR - DARN. A GOODLY BUNCH WERE THERE MOSTLY FAMILY WITH A FEW HAMS AS THE LAST MINUTE. ONE OF THE LAST MINUTES WAS KC2HX WHO WAS IN PRINCETON THAT DAY GIVING A MEDICAL PAPER AND OF COURSE HE GOT LOST ON THE WAY BUT WE SURE WERE GLAD HE MADE THE LONG TREK EVEN THO WHEN HE GOT HOME HE HAD TO THROW HIS HAT IN THE DOOR FIRST TO SEE IF SUZIE WOULD EMPLODE. WE WERE PLEASED TO BE INVITED BY HIS SON BOB AND KATHLEEN WHO PUT ON A BIG SPLASH INCLUDING A CROON BY THEIR GERMAN SHEPHERD TO NO LESS THAN PAVAROTTI'S BEST. BOB TURNED ON THE RECORD, THE HOUN DOG LIFTED HIS HEAD IN THE AIR AN SANG A SONG SPECIAL FOR CARL - WAT A PERFORMANCE. ARNIE SHOWED HIS PICTURES - BIG - ONES OF HIS TRIP TO AFRICA WITH ELPHANTS GOING TO THE WATER - THEY ARE PRIZES NOT PICTURES AND ARNOLD PLANS TO ENTER THEM IN A LOCAL PHOTO CONTEST SOME TAKEN FROM A BALLOON RIDE OVER THE SARENGETTI. WOULD YOU BELIEVE W3IM MADE THE INVITATION AND YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE HOW NICE IT WAS TO SEE THE OLE BUZZARD WHO YOU SHOULD KNOW DESIGNED THE ORIGINAL ON ONLY PHILMONT LOGO - PAGE BACK TO THE FIRST PAGE AND SEE AFTER ABOUT 30 YEARS OF PORTRAYING PMRC AT THEIR BEST. WE TRIED TO CON JAY INTO GETTING ON THE REPEATER AND STILL MAYBE SINCE PXY OFFERED JAY ONE OF BBB'S TWO METERS RIGS FOR FREE. MUST SAY WE ALMOST GOT JAY TO AGREE AND MAYBE STILL ?? JAY IS A WOOL IN THE DIED CW HOUND WITH PROWESS NOBODY IN THE CLUB CAN EQUAL - CHALLENGE - YOU DRIVE DOWN A PHILADELPHIA STREET AND POUND BRASS WITH A GUY IN ITALY MOBILE AT 25 WORDS A MINUTE WITH A SIDE SWIPER MOUNTED ON THE HUMP OF THE CAR. GRANDSON BOB WA3LLK AND CYNTHIA CAME UP FOR DC WITH THE GREAT GRANDAUGHTER - 4 GENERATIONS - HOPE THEY GOT SOME PICTURES OF ALL THAT. THE FOOD AT THE PARDY WAS FANTASTIC. ONE GUY WOULD NOT LET THE SHRIMP TRAY GET AWAY - NO NAMES PLEASE. IT TOOK OUR NARBERTH ANCHOR MAN A WHOLE WEEK TO COME DOWN OFF THE MOON AFTER THAT AFTERNOON. IN A FAST DEAL W3RM AND BBB FINISHED OUT CARL'S NEW STATION WITH A SPEAKER CONSOLE GIFT TO GO WITH HIS NEW SUPER RIG THAT HAS A BUTTON MARKED "MEMORY RECALL" . THIS RECALLS OUT OF MEMORY WHAT YOU INSTALLED PREVIOUSLY. WALL CARL PLANS NOW TO SELL VERSIONS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB OVER 50 WHO CAN'T REMEMBER IF THEY GOT OUT OF BED LASTERDAY. SURE WAS NICE OF KATHLEEN TO INVITE A FEW OF THE OLD TIMERS AND OUR GREAT SWEET GINGER ROGERS IS PLANNING A REPEAT BASH ON HIMSELF FOR HIS 103rd.

ARRL VEC. There were 31 applicants taking 48 exam elements at the April 4, 1991 session.

In recognition of these continuing, innovative contributions to Phil-Mont, and to amateurs throughout the Delaware Valley area, the club presented Jake the coveted Leroy Hauser Memorial Award, in 1985, for "distinguished service beyond that which is normally expected of a member, for an extended period of time." And, in 1986, Jake again was named "Phil-Mont-er of the Year."

AK2I is active on the HF and VHF bands, fixed, mobile and portable, on CW,

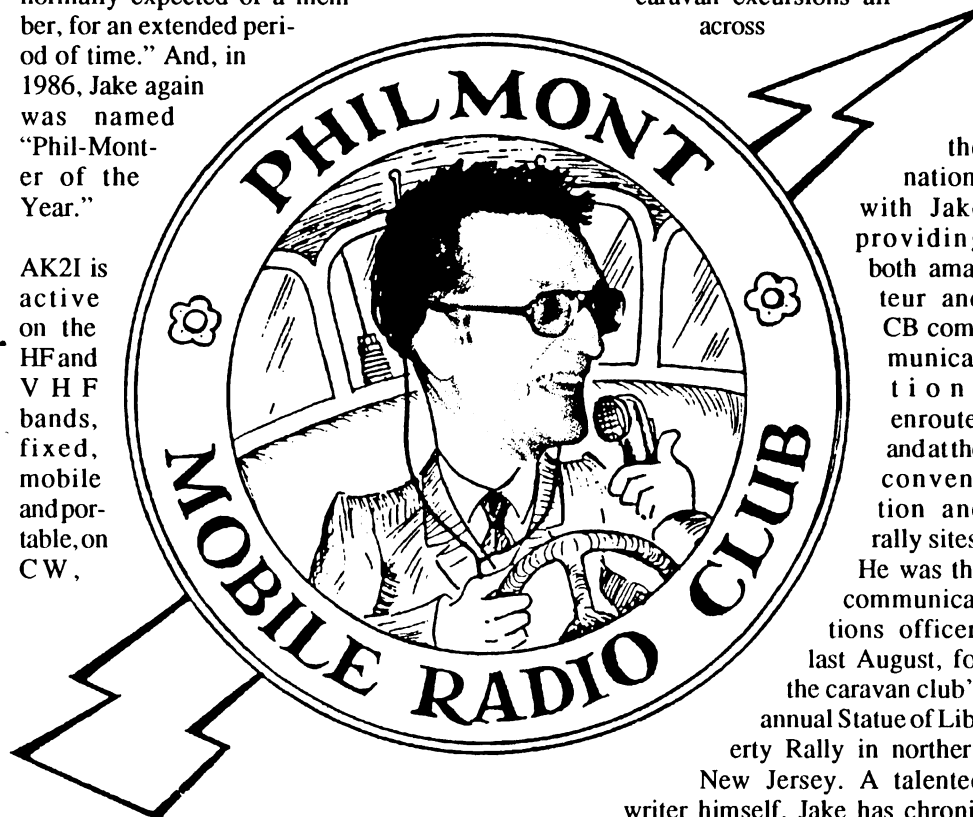
Jake does nothing else but promote Phil-Mont and amateur radio, it should be known that he is indeed "balanced" in his interests and activities, numerous as they are. He and his wife own an Airstream travel trailer, and are active members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club, International (Jake serves as a director of the New Jersey chapter). They participate in various WBCCI rallies and caravan excursions all across

the nation, with Jake providing both amateur and CB communications enroute, and at the convention and rally sites.

He was the communications officer, last August, for the caravan club's annual Statue of Liberty Rally in northern New Jersey. A talented

writer himself, Jake has chronicled some of these extended trips in his "On the Road with AK2I" bits which appear in the Phil-Mont *BLURB*.

Jacob Kovalchek is a devoted family man, having been married to his charming wife Lorraine for more than 36 years. They have three grown children, two boys and a girl, and "2-1/2" grandchildren (the third due to be born in May).



RTTY, Amtor, Packet, SSB and FM. Jake is also an active member of Navy MARS, having joined in late 1990 after learning of the need for traffic outlets to handle messages from the Persian Gulf. Jake serves as both RTTY and packet rep for MARS traffic into New Jersey, devoting from eight to ten hours a week to MARS nets.

To dispel any conjecture that perhaps

Jake's interest in music has lead him to serve as choir director for two local churches. He is also an active member and performer with the Pine Barrons, New Jersey chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA), for which chorus he has also served as Ticket and Publicity Chairman.

Many of Jake's special talents and leadership qualities, which have served Phil-Mont so well these past 12 years, were "discovered" many years earlier by Messrs. Sears and Roebuck. Jake joined the Sears and Roebuck organization in 1953, fresh out of college, and spent his entire working career with that company in various management positions: Central Services Manager for Sears in Baltimore; Operations Supervisor at Sears in Camden, NJ, and Neshaminy, PA; Distribution Manager for the Middle Atlantic region out of Sears' facility in King of Prussia, PA; and as a Buyer at Sears Tower headquarters, in Chicago. He retired in 1987, after 34 years of service.

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc., an ARRL Special Services Club, has enjoyed a long and mutually-beneficial association with the renowned Franklin Institute Science Museum, in Philadelphia, dating back to 1960. The club's monthly general meetings and volunteer exam sessions are held at the Institute, and the club sponsors W3TKQ, which serves both as a club station and as an active exhibit of the museum. Through the years, the station has been manned by part-time employees of the Institute, licensed hams, who operated W3TKQ voluntarily during the time they were not engaged in performing their regular museum duties. Active on all bands and modes, the station has become well known. The visitors guest books record the calls of amateurs from across the nation and around the world.

Early in 1990 the Phil-Mont board of directors appointed Jake Kovalchek to the

newly-created post of "Special Liaison to The Franklin Institute." His mandate was to study W3TKQ's needs, and hopefully to enlist the help of the Institute and amateur equipment manufacturers in a needed upgrade of the station's facilities. At the April, 1990, board meeting, Jake reported that he had surveyed the matter, and that W3TKQ needed "considerable improvement" to bring it up to state-of-the-art standards, both equipment-wise and in appearance. With the cooperation of the Institute, Jake began contacting equipment manufacturers requesting their help.

No sooner had that effort begun, however, when Jake was notified by his contact person at the museum that the Institute was experiencing grave financial problems, and that a decision had been made, at a higher level, to terminate a number of the museum's employees, including the five who operated W3TKQ; that W3TKQ would have to be removed from the premises; and that Phil-Mont would no longer be able to hold its Monday evening meetings at the institute. Articles in the Philadelphia newspapers confirmed The Franklin Institute's financial difficulties and staff contraction, so the matter seemed concluded. The Phil-Mont board began looking for a new meeting and station location, for we had been given one month's notice to vacate.

Ironically, within a few days of receiving our eviction notice, a communication was received from the Kenwood Corporation, in response to Jake's solicitation of equipment. Kenwood would, indeed, provide W3TKQ with new equipment including a TS-950 HF rig, complete with station monitor and accessories, and a complete VHF operating position.

Undaunted by, what seemed like, a foregone conclusion, Jake requested a special meeting of Phil-Mont's board, called on two days notice, at which he expressed his determination to do everything possible to reverse the Institute's decision. He present-

ALL SYSTEMS GO!

In another part of this issue of the *Blurb* you will read an exact copy of the letter I received from Mr. Don Cooke, the Acting Director of the Franklin Institute. His entire staff has been just great in their attitudes towards the station and its operators, and that means a great deal to all of us. To Henry Disston, Bobbie Dillon, Eve Orkin, and to Mr. Cooke we extend a heartfelt "thanks" from all of the members of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. Words cannot express our gratitude. The personal time these folks took, out of their busy schedules, to work on our problem, is certainly appreciated and acknowledged.

It will be very difficult to meet the schedule, that I had originally anticipated, for reopening W3TKQ. I realize now that June 5, 1991 would have been a great date to tie in with our "Family Night" program at our regular June monthly meeting, but at this rate, because of work related responsibilities, we will not be able to meet that date. I have, therefore, set a new schedule of early October, 1991. Using the few weeks in June and considering the holiday and vacation schedules of others, that date seems to be workable but must remain tentative. I have no other choice.

Our friends, WA3QLS and WA3QPX, Rob and Paul, at Delaware Amateur Supply, recently responded to my letter concerning W3TKQ, and while they said they were unable to donate any one particular item because of business in general, they did say that they would be glad to offer us anything AT COST, and I think that was just wonderful of them. I respect their position, and appreciate their help in this regard. I'm sure it will save us a lot of expenses in setting up the station.

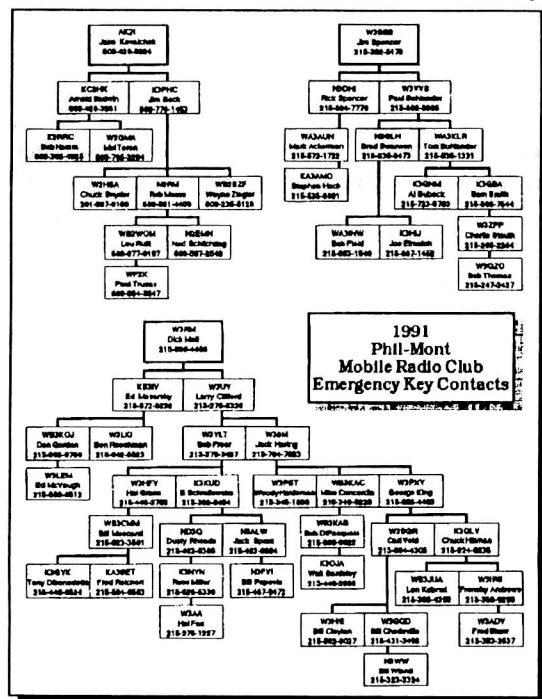
I hope all of you take full advantage of the family night upcoming. Your Host for the evening is Mr. Derrick Pitts, Vice President of the Omniverse Theater at the Franklin Institute; a ham, who has used our VE program at Phil-Mont, and has a very positive attitude for our club and for W3TKQ especially. He has been one of our staunchest supporters, and we can all tell him we appreciate it by supporting his offer for this particular family night presentation for Phil-Mont. Not everyone gets a 50 percent discount on tickets to Omniverse. Remember, June 5, 1991 "Family Night" a special showing of the Omniverse Theater's "Blue Planet" for Phil-Mont. Please be there.

THE W 3 T K Q REPORT

by
Jake Kovalchek,
AK2I

Thanks to Arnie, KC2HX, and his daughter Donna for this call-out list.

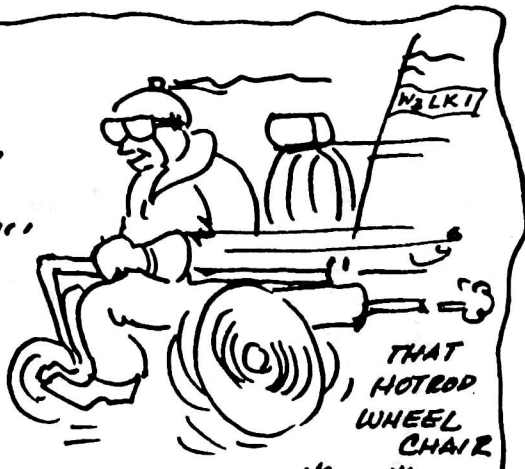
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TO RECOVERY...
FROM AN AUTO
ACCIDENT...
GOT A BUSTED
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* IS THAT OPPOSITE A
BUSTED BOWUM?



ed several avenues of approach; and with some input from the Board, Jake enlisted the help of the ARRL through contact with the Atlantic Division Director, and the active participation of the Vice Director. Following some "educational" sessions with appropriate institute staff members, and extensive "Kovalchek diplomacy," it was determined that the continued presence of Phil-Mont, and W3TKQ at The Franklin Institute, would be not only possible, but desirable. The club agreed, for its part, to provide volunteer operators for the station.

Running with the ball, Jake recruited and organized a growing team of qualified club members—now numbering about 25—to man W3TKQ during museum hours, seven days a week. The new operating arrangement commenced in October, 1990. Jake began a regular W3TKQ informational column in the *BLURB*, and continued soliciting donations of funds and equipment to refurbish the station from top to bottom. Icom followed Kenwood with a contribution of new gear, and, in less than a month, funds exceeding \$2,500 had been received, from club members, toward construction of a new five-position operating console to house what Jake promises will be a "Premier" amateur station. As of this writing, plans are underway to close the station for major reconstruction during May, and to reopen in June for the debut of "The New 'TKQ'."

Once again, "AK2 Di-dit" ... and he continues to do it! Phil-Mont expressed its appreciation to this tireless member by presenting him with yet another "Phil-Monter of the Year Award" for 1990. But, clearly, he deserves wider recognition.

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc., respectfully nominates and commends for your approval:

Jacob S. Kovalchek, AK2I
Atlantic Division Amateur of the Year

73rd MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS MAY

21 candidates pass 28 elements
6 new amateurs plus 3 upgrades

Thanks to the members of our VE team:

ND3Q, Dusty Rhoads, Chairman

WA3AUN, Mark Ackerman; N3EKR, Lee Pamplin; W3FZR, Niel Leone; N2RM, Rob Moore; W3RM, Dick Moll; W3VVS, Paul Bohlander; NS3Z, Bob Forrester

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The PREZ SEZ

Bill Popovic, N3FVI

Congratulations AK2I on a much deserved award. Jake's dedication and determination is absolute. Perhaps, with this new inspiration, we will all help Jim and Jake work to build Phil-Mont's goal, one of the finest amateur radio stations in the world.

Due to a delay beyond our control, the completion date for W3TKQ has been moved back to September. There is still plenty of time to get involved. 'Hope to see you at the best club station in the area.

THE GREENING OF AMATEUR RADIO

Hoping to capitalize on the infusion of new hams, 73 magazine publisher, Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, plans to debut a new publication called RADIO FUN. It will be distributed free to 20,000 newly licensed Novices and Techs. To get the publication going, Green is offering a special one-year 12-time advertising contract for around \$750 per 8" X 10" black & white page.

CORE STATES BIKE RACE

Thanks to all who participated in the bike race last year. Anyone who can help this year, please contact me by Monday, June 3, 1991, for ID pass, T-shirt size, and race location. The course and radio locations will be the same as last year. Please be on location by 8:30a.m., Sunday, 6/9/91. Thanks for giving amateur radio some positive publicity.

MINUTES

MAY GENERAL MEETING

N3FVI called the meeting to order at 7:45pm at The Franklin Institute on May 1, 1991.

KB3IV reported on the state of the Treasury. He also said that the Net Control Stations will be getting a new Net Format Sheet in the mail.

The next meeting will be *Family Night*, and a head count will be needed in advance for seeing the film at half price. Contact AK2I, N3GLH, or N3FVI.

Bill, N3FVI said the Core States Bike Race will be on regarding Phil-Mont's participation in same.

The Repeater Committee met, and one thing that they would like to pursue is improved coverage through remote receivers.

AK2I reported via tape that he plans to meet the June 5 date for the reopening of W3TKQ. He also reported on equipment needed for the satellite station for which he may need donations of either money or the needed equipment itself. Jake also said he has picked up the donated computer from Radio Shack.

N3GLH introduced N3IEI a new member of Phil-Mont and an employee of KYW TV who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the equipment used and its use at KYW TV, as well as his job there.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert R. Moore,
N2RM, Secretary



* UPDATE *

HAMFESTS

HAMS BEWARE!

Dan Moravec, KA0WRZ

- June 5 **General Meeting**
FAMILY NIGHT
- June 6 License Examinations
- June 9 CORE STATES' BIKE RACE
- June 19 Directors' Meeting at
N3GLH's
- June 22-23 "Field Day"
- July 3 **General Meeting**
- July 11 License Examinations
- July 17 Directors' Meeting at
W3BBB's
- Aug 1 License Examinations
- Aug 7 **General Meeting**
- Aug 14 Directors' Meeting at
W3IIM&N's

- Sept 8 GAITHERSBURG, MD
Foundation for Amateur Radio
- Sept 15 PENNSAUKEN, NJ
South Jersey RA
- Sept 21-22 YORK, PA
York ARA
- Oct 13 JERSEY SHORE
- Oct 20 BENSALEM, PA
Penn Wireless Assoc.

Why isn't there a local hamfest
in July or August?

CLUB INFORMATION

24 Hour Information Number at W3TKQ
(215) 448-1139

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1991 test fee is \$5.25; there is no charge for a Novice test.

BELLMAWR, NJ
Monthly, 3rd Thursday
Bill Helmatag
(609) 546-7710

••••• **CENTER CITY PHILA.** •••••
• Monthly, 1st Thursday •
• Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q •
• (215) 482-0386 •
• (215) 879-0505 •
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TELFORD
Monthly, 3rd Monday
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

BRYN MAWR
Bob Haase, W3SA
(215) 293-1919

LEVITTOWN
Dave Munson, NM3K
(215) 788-7515

WARMINSTER
Last Wed., Odd Months
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

Our Washington correspondent recently interviewed a lobbyist for one of the large radio and communications companies. The message is that there is a horrible regional crowding of the radio spectrum. A case in point is the city of Washington, D.C., where a casual glance around shows mobile telephone antennas sprouting from many cars seen downtown, and it is not unusual to see two, three or even four antennas on the many limousine. The drivers of these cars also commonly carry a handheld, but I can't imagine what they need it for.

The large radio companies are predicting the next five years to be the age of "Personal communications." This, of course, refers to cellular phones, cordless phones, and pagers, but also includes devices which are not yet now commonly seen, such as the digital transmission of personal data to units similar to today's pagers. The idea is to transmit messages and more (even pages of information) to a person's belt.

The expansion of technology will put a tremendous demand on a radio spectrum that is already packed to the limit on assigned frequencies in the large metropolitan areas. There is simply no more room left to accommodate these new functions. New frequencies will have to be obtained from somewhere. Soon, the federal government will be looking at the large spectrum given to the military, but other users of the radio spectrum are fair game.

This means that the hams had better "watch out." Our 900 MHz band is being eyed covetously at this very minute. The 220-222 MHz reallocation may be only the beginning. On the positive side, however, even though the big companies have hired big-guns to expand their interests, the elected officials still listen to those who speak within their constituency. Hopefully, when the situation presents again, we will be collectively even more effective. —Lincoln ARC Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska via WORLD RADIO.

Ya say ya hate your call letters—BUNKY?

Any licensed amateur radio operator may now obtain a new call sign at any time by simply completing a Form 610 Application — even if the licensee's operator class and mailing address has not changed. As in the past, however, no requests for specific call signs are granted. An amateur call sign is only changed when the licensee requests another call by checking FCC Form 610 line No. 2E. Once the change is made, however, your previous call cannot be reinstated. The FCC Form 610 instructions concerning eligibility for a new call sign will be changed on the next printing according to Larry Weikert at the FCC's Gettysburg, PA licensing facility.

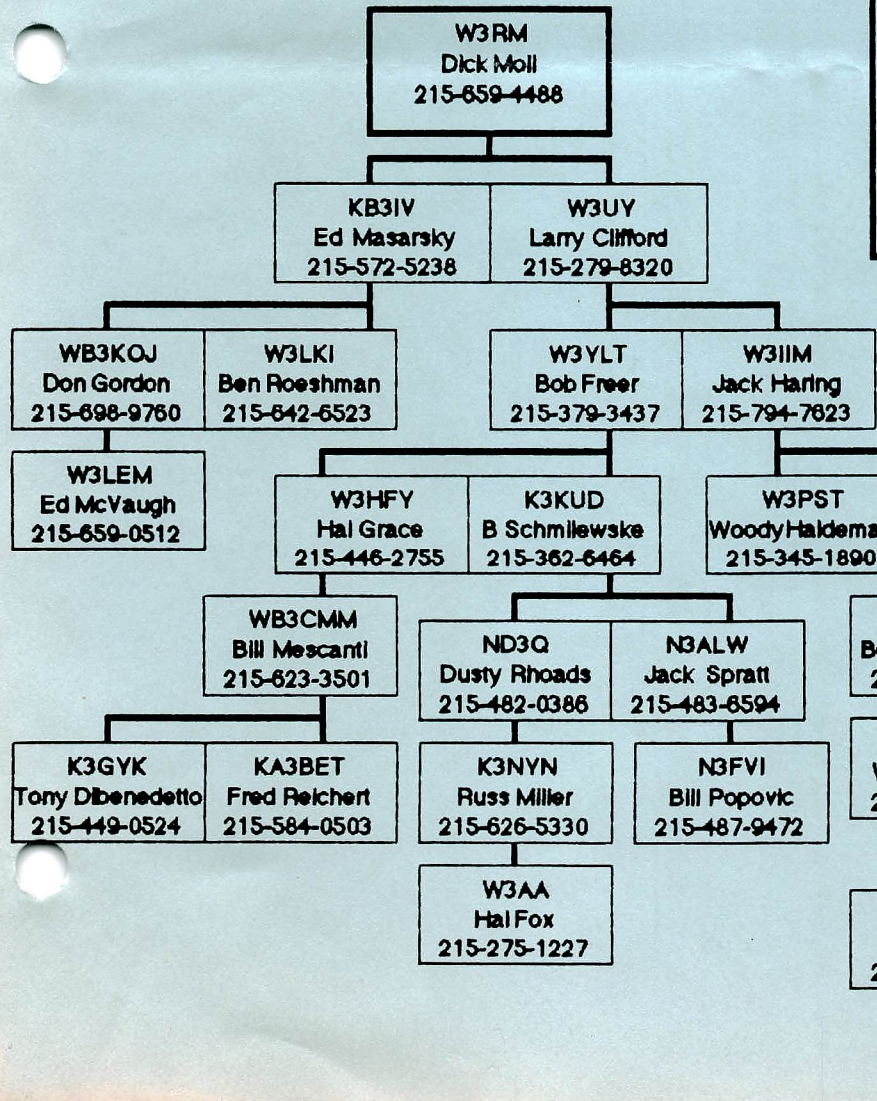
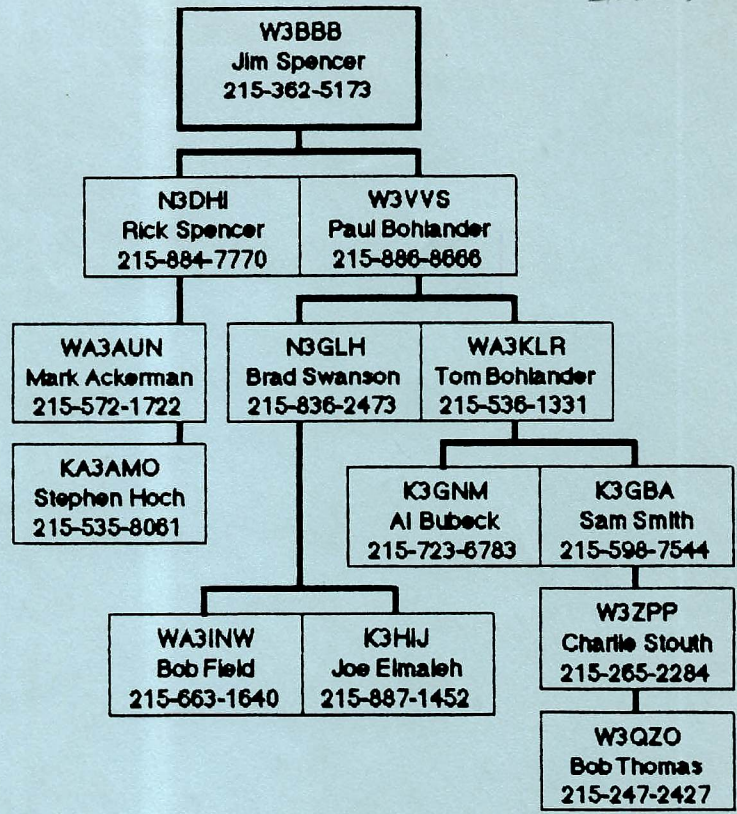
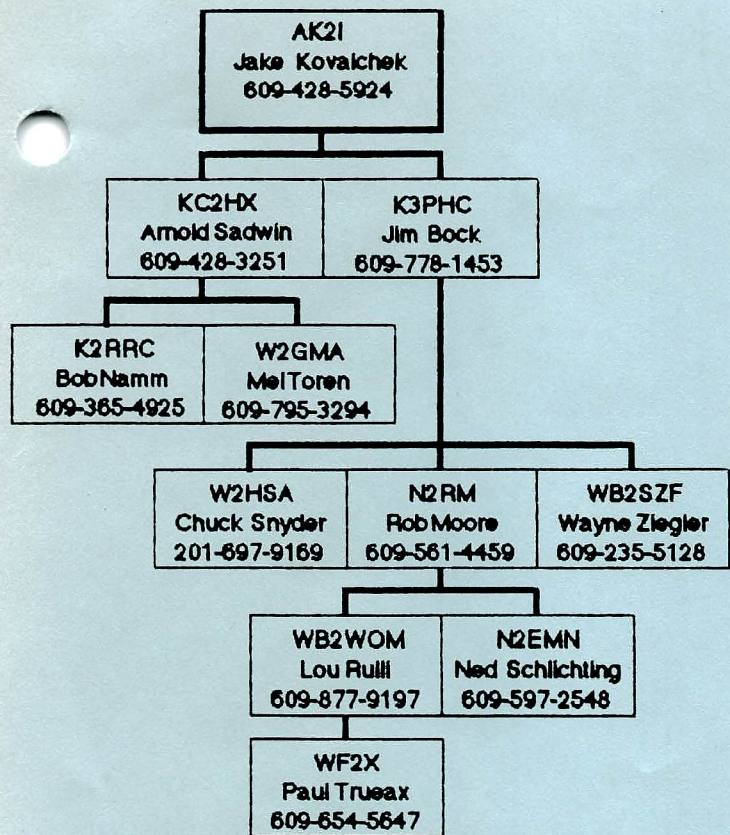
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 2M NCS N3FVI 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3PWG	3 <i>Jefferson Davis 1808</i>	4 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM AK2I	5 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 PM Meeting starts at 7:30 FAMILY NIGHT	6 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 PM <i>sharp!</i>	7	8 <i>Hurricane 1 Season Begins</i>
9 2M NCS K3QLY 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3AOA <i>Core States' Bike Race</i>	10	11 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	12 <i>George Bush 1924</i>	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15
16 2M NCS KA3AMO 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3RCE <i>Father's Day</i>	17	18 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM N3ALW	19 DIRECTORS' MEETING at N3GLH's	20	21 <i>Summer Solstice</i>	22
23 2M NCS KB3IV 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS AK2I	24	25 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM <i>Korean War Began 1950</i>	26 <i>U.N. Charter Signed 1945</i>	27	28	29
30 2M NCS W3BBB 10M NCS ANYONE 75M NCS W3HFY	 <i>Somebody remind him, please! 362-5172</i>	FINAL CODE PRACTICE NET OF THE SEASON JULY 2 (Resumes Sept 17)		<i>Any fool can criticize, and most fools do.</i>		

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